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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office mailed October 4, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first paragraph beginning on the top of page 3 with the following:

-- A variety of different types of intervertebral implants have been developed to perform this function including spinal fusion cages, threaded bone dowels and stepped

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